

Assad's inner circle targeted in Damascus

A suicide attack has struck at the heart of the Assad regime killing Defence Minister Gen. Daoud Rajiha (*below left*) and his deputy, Assad's brother-in-law, Gen. Assef Shawkat (*right*)



Clashes since Jul 15

Barzeh

Qaboun

Jul 18, Rawda security HQ: Blast occurs during meeting of ministers and heads of security agencies. Bomber thought to be bodyguard to senior officials

Parliament

Baghdad Street

Southern Bypass

Presidential Palace

D A M A S C U S

Umayyad Mosque

Kafar Sousa

Midan

al-Qazaz

al-Lawan

Tadamon

Military airport

Airport Motorway

Yarmouk
Palestinian
refugee
camp

**Hajar
al-Aswad**

2.5km

1.5km

